



YAKIMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

YAKIMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 7

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Ms. Caroline Haskins
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Re: Public Records Act Request
YSD Ref. No. 229

Dear Ms. Haskins:

The Yakima School District ("District") has received your email dated July 9, 2019. This letter serves as the District's initial response to your request under RCW 42.56.520. You have requested the following records: *According to the Gaggle website, this school district has used its company's services (<https://www.gaggle.net/success-stories/>). Therefore, I hereby request the following documents: * Any documents associated with the purchase of Gaggle services for the school district. These documents may include contracts, grant applications, payment forms, payment orders, service agreements, and terms of service.*

** The total number of students in the school district that have been flagged for "signs of self-harm, depression, thoughts of suicide, substance abuse, cyberbullying, unhealthy relationships, and credible threats of violence against others."*

** The number of students that have been flagged for each respective warning sign category listed above.*

** Any school district emails that discuss disciplinary action (like detention or suspension) or an administrative response (like removing the student from class, or contacting the school guidance counselor, Child Protective Services, or the police) to student behavior on Gaggle.*

The District is seeking clarification. Please respond with your contact number in writing or contact me at the number listed below and identify the specific records sought so we may process your request.

Also, please note that the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that affords parents and students certain privacy rights, including some control over the disclosure of personally identifiable information from education records.

RCW 42.56.050(1)(2); 42.56.230(1) (2) and FERPA 20 U.S.C. § 1232g(b)(1); 34 CFR 99.3 and 99.30.

Under FERPA, school districts cannot disclose personally identifying information from education records without written consent, unless an exception applies. Please note the Yakima School District is allowed to charge a reasonable fee for costs incurred by the agency during the production of records.

Sincerely,


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